

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE**

No. C02-206

In the matter of:

Yvonne Rizk, MD

License number: MD 7665

Consent Order

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (1999 Reenactment)

notifications were received by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline that the

Respondent had misdiagnosed 4 biopsy readings and may have violated R.I.G.L. §5-37-

5.1(19) of the medical practices act. The notices were reviewed by an investigating

committee. The following are the Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law

1. The Respondent, Yvonne Rizk, M.D.; is a 1978 graduate of University of Khartoum, Sudan. Her primary specialty is anatomic and clinical pathology. She has hospital privileges at Woman & Infants Hospital in Rhode Island. Between May 24, 1999 and September 28, 2000 the Respondent misdiagnosed 4 biopsy readings. During this period she was placed on restrictions from July 26th to September 15, 2000. Woman & Infant's Hospital conducted an investigation that resulted in the Respondent's pathologic and cytologic specimens being reviewed by another department pathologist.
2. The hospital investigation discovered a misdiagnosis and non-compliance of the restriction requirements imposed by the hospital.

3. The Board of medical Licensure and Discipline finds the Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(19) by failing to comply with acceptable medical practice.

The parties agree as follows:

The Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

- (1) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

- (2) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:


- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
- d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
- e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
- f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.

- (3) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.
- (4) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.
- (5) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (6) The Respondent agrees to accept a Reprimand in this matter. Additionally, Respondent will take an additional 20 hours of continuing medical education regarding reading pathological specimens within one year of ratification of this order. Such CME credits shall be AMA Category I hours. Respondent shall pay an administrative Fee of Five-Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Signed this 29th day of April, 2003.


Yvonne Rizk, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held
on 2003.


Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH

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